



**Churches of St James,
St Giles, Holy Cross & St Bartholomew**

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**Services for Sunday 26th October 2025
Last Sunday after Trinity
Bible Sunday**

St Giles, Uley

10am Benefice Holy Communion
Canon Richard Morgan and Revd David Vonberg

St James, Dursley

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Revd David Vonberg

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our
learning: help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy
word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 22-end

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth
in righteousness a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.'
Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are
righteousness and strength; all who were incensed
against him shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph
and glory.

Psalms 119: 129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul
keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts
understanding to the simple.
With open mouth I pant, because I long for your
commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom
towards those who love your name.
Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and
never let iniquity have dominion over me.
Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep
your precepts.
Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me
your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is
not kept.

Second Reading: Romans 15: 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the
weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please
our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the
neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is
written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on
me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for
our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the
encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May
the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to
live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ
Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel: Luke 4: 16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought
up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as
was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of
the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the
scroll and found the place where it was written:
'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has
anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and
recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go
free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant,
and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were
fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this
scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke
well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that
came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's
son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me
this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say,
"Do here also in your home town the things that we have
heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell
you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

Intercessions

We pray for those who are ill at this time or in other forms of
need, especially those we know. We remember Jennifer,
Albie, Carol, Sam, Jane and Rita. Be with them in their
suffering, support and comfort them and give them peace of
mind in times of trouble.
We pray for Sandra Cresswell and Diana Russell, recently
departed, we pray for their families and friends and all those
who grieve.

Post Communion Prayer.

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

**Evening prayer via Zoom is on Wednesday at
6pm, to join please use this login - Link -
Meeting ID: 811 3331 8043**

Basic Safeguarding Training for anyone who needs to do
this and would prefer to do it face to face.
Basic Safeguarding Training Saturday 8 November 10-12
Parish Centre.
Please can people let either Heather or Pat know if you are
planning to come.

This Week

Wednesday 29th October

6pm Evening prayer via Zoom.

Thursday 30th October

9am Morning Prayer at St James

10am Holy Communion at St James

Friday 31st October

2pm Poetry Group at 9 Five Acres

Services for 2nd November 2025 All Saints Sunday

St James, Dursley

10am Parish Holy Communion

4pm All Souls service

St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

10am Parish Holy Communion

St Giles, Uley

4pm All Souls Service

Names for all souls-

If you would like a loved one's name remembered at one of our All Souls Services on Sunday 2nd November at 4pm, please let me know or write it on the form at the back of church.

There will a service at St James and at St Giles.

Ewelme Benefice

St James the Great, Dursley Coffee, Cake and Music 2025

April 26th	Nigel Davies
May 31 st	Keith Hearnshaw
June 28th	Nigel Nash
July 26th	Pavlos Triantaris
August 30th	John Pennington
September 27th	Nigel Davies
October 25th	Jonathan Hope

**Coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am.
The music begins at 11am and last for 30-40 minutes**



There is no charge, but a retiring collection will be taken, the proceeds of which go to the work of St James' Church

St Giles Church, Uley

presents

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

featuring

Trombone Ensemble

Sunday 26th October at 3pm

A free, short, informal concert in the church
followed by tea & cake.

Donations welcome for Church Funds.

ST JAMES-THE-GREAT DURSLEY



COME AND PLAY OUR SPLENDID ORGAN
Saturday 22nd November 2025 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Join us to hear - and play - our remarkable pipe organ, aka 'the King of Instruments'. There will be a short demonstration followed by the opportunity to play this remarkable instrument – open to all, regardless of musical experience or ability!

Part of the Royal College of Organists "Play the Organ Year"

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Service of Remembering

Sunday 2nd November
2025
4pm
at St James, Dursley
and
St Giles, Uley

A service to remember loved ones

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
ST GILES, ULEY
9TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30

THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
WILL START IN THE CHURCH AND
THEN MOVE TO
THE WAR MEMORIAL

WE WILL BE SERVING TEA AND
COFFEE FROM 9.45am
PLEASE JOIN US
ALL ARE WELCOME.

Lest We Forget
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Remembrance
Day Service

Sunday 9th
November 3pm

St James the Great, Dursley

All Welcome

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT
ST JAMES, DURSLEY
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025
4-7PM

Tombola, Water into
Wine, Cakes,
Preserves, Raffle,
Scones, Mulled Wine

Craft stalls - Photography, Lotions,
Christmas decorations, Art, Knitted items,
Fabric creations, Flowers & wreaths,
Recycled Christmas, and much, much more.
A chance to start your Christmas shopping
locally with unique gifts.

In conjunction with Dursley's Christmas lights switch on.